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SUBJECT: KHMER REPRESENTATION AT U.N.

REF: STATE 233854

1. PER REFTEL GUIDANCE, EMBOFF'S MET NOV 29 WITH
FONOFF ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAHN.

WE PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZED THAT U.S. IS
LESS INTERESTED IN WINNING VOTE THAN IN AVOIDING IT
ALTOGETHER, NOTED ASIAN REGIONAL JUDGMENT THAT IMPORTANT
QUESTION STRATEGY IS NOT A PROMISING ONE AND POINTED
OUT THAT THE FRG VOTE COULD BE DECISIVE. WE URGED THAT
THE GERMANS INDICATE THEIR UNHAPPINESS WITH THE PRO-
GRUNK RESOLUTION IN ORDER TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE
INTERESTED PARTIES THAT FRG ABSTENTION IS NOT TO BE
RELIED UPON.

2. LAHN TOOK NOTE OF ASIAN REGIONAL ASSESSMENT OF
IMPORTANT QUESTION STRATEGY AND POSSIBLE DECISIVE
CHARACTER OF FRG VOTE. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE GERMANS
WERE UNHAPPY ABOUT THE PRESENT SITUATION AND, GIVEN
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LACK OF FRG RELATIONS WITH BOTH LON NOL AND SIHANOUK,

PREFERRED IF POSSIBLE TO ABSTAIN. LAHN SAID THE FRG
WOULD IN FACT ABSTAIN IF SUCH A COURSE WOULD NOT
HAVE A DECISIVE INFLUENCE ON THE VOTE. HOWEVER, LAHN
SAID THE GERMAN U.N. DEL IS INSTRUCTED TO VOTE AGAINST
RPT AGAINST THE PRO-GRUNK RESOLUTION IF SUCH AN FRG
VOTE WOULD BE DECISIVE. LAHN ADDED THAT, IN VIEW OF
U.S. COMMENTS, THE GERMAN U.N. DEL NOW WILL BE
INSTRUCTED ALSO TO INDICATE THEIR DIS-
COMFORT ABOUT THIS ITEM WITH INTERESTED PARTIES IN BONN
AND NEW YORK IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT ABSTENTION BY FRG
WILL NOT BE COUNTED UPON BY THOSE PARTIES.
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